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President Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

I beg to present herewith a statement of the work of the Committee on Research in Physiotherapy during the past Session. The report is in four sections, namely:

Organization.

Work undertaken in animal research.

Financial Statement.

Future of the work.

The report has been signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. Bott

Secretary, Committee on Research in Physiotherapy.

Hart House.

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Toronto. January 6th, 191 9,

President Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

I mentioned to Colonel Wilson the matter of my interviewing students at Hart House upon work preparatory for matriculation, and he is quite agreeable that I give a certain amount of time to that work while the School remains here. If you would write him in due course officially this arrangement would be confirmed.

Yours faithfully,

EABott

Hon. Captain, C. A. M. C.,
i/c Dept. Functional Re-education,
Military School, Hart House.

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Toronto. March 12th, 1919

President Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

With reference to the attached memorandum from the D. G. M. S., Ottawa, I beg to say that General Fotheringham discussed certain features of his plan with me on February 28th, particularly the points mentioned in Paragraphs 4 and 6, with which I am in entire agreement.

Regarding Par. 8, the amount of appropriation mentioned by him then for the remainder of 1919 was twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.), with the suggestion that other Universities than Toronto be asked to co-operate. This wider organization of research he has apparently given up for the present at least.

Pending a statement which Dr. Hartman is preparing of results obtained to date in our research, I expect to submit to you in a few days' time a report of the work undertaken through the University grant of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500), together with supplementary private funds. In the meantime I may say that in the opinion of the Committee, the results are of a character that warrants continuation and expansion of the work. Hitherto the University has provided certain accomodation as well as granting time of members of the Staff, and as the proposed plan would continue such an arrangement it would seem proper that funds covering the necessary technical supplies and assistance should be provided directly by the Government. In those branches of research where the burden is thus divided, I feel the University should possess a measure of control.

When I was speaking to General Fotheringham he had not considered the matter of control which he touches on in Par. 5. My experience of two years in military research leads me to say that this is the most important part of any scheme such as that submitted. Proper organization should be provided to deal with three points:

1. The selection of major problems.
2. The allocation of responsibility for planning and supervising work in the several problems undertaken.
3. The procuring of materials, technical assistance etc., expeditiously.

This has been successfully managed hitherto by the Committee of Research which you approved last spring composed as follows:

Professor Mackenzie, Chairman. (Representing Histology).
Professor Macleod (Physiology)
~~Professor Hunter (Bio-chemistry)~~
Professor Burton (Physics. Added to the Committee Feb. 1919).
Colonel Starr (Surgery)
Colonel Wilson (Physiotherapy)
Major Boyer (Neurology)
Captain Bott (Secretary).

Points 1, 2, and 3 above have been satisfactorily dealt with by this Committee, the Secretary being held responsible to the Committee for 3. I feel that so far at least as the proposed research is to be done in University laboratories, the chairman of a research committee of this sort should be a University research man, both to insure insight into research requirements, and to be in constant touch with the work. Professor Mackenzie's interest and close attention is chiefly responsible for the progress that has been made to date, and he is at the moment conducting a histological investigation of nerve remnants.

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For these reasons might I suggest:

1. That the Committee of six mentioned in Par. 5 be enlarged to eight (to include histology and neurology) and be made identical in membership with our present Committee. This would insure full continuity for the future in branches B and C of the work (Par. 4), and might also prove acceptable for Branch A, as all three phases are cognate.

2. The research workshop for special appliances of which I have had charge here has now been closed, and the full equipment belonging to the Trustees of the Hart House Fund has been formally tendered to the University. With this equipment it might be possible to reopen this mechanical phase (A) in the University, thus avoiding delay, and unifying branches A, B and C of the work.

3. That for local purchase and expenditure a portion of the Federal appropriation be put to the credit of the Bursar of the University from time to time to be administered by him in conjunction with the Research Committee, in a manner similar to our present grant.

With reference to my connection with this work personally, General Fotheringham made no suggestion when I saw him. The final class of pupils in Functional Re-education is graduating at the end of the present month, and this I believe will conclude my academic duties in the Military School O. S. & P. General Fotheringham mentioned that in his opinion, by the close of 1919 the organization of the C. A. M. C. would be reduced to its permanent basis, but that so far there was no definite plan for its activities (such as the research he proposes) to be continued by any other organization. As the work itself holds promise of many years' profitable investigation, is not this a reason for establishing it on a sound University basis at the present time? Under the circumstances I am assuming that I would be free to return to University work by next October if not before.

May I call your attention to what I believe is an error of fact in Par 4, A. The Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission has had no connection whatever to my knowledge with the research workshop programme at Hart House.

I should be glad of an opportunity to discuss some of the above points in more detail should you so desire.

Yours faithfully,

E.A. Bott.

Hon. Captain, C. A. M. C.,
i/c Dept. Functional Re-education,
Military School, Hart House.

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University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

PSYCHOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Toronto. May 14th, 1919

President Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

With reference to the University procuring the services of Mr. George Cooper as mechanic in the Workshop of the Department of Psychology, it has occurred to me that the expense might be largely met through a sum of money at the disposal of the Committee on Research in Physiotherapy which you appointed last spring.

Would you approve, please, my presenting a request in the form of the letter herein enclosed to the Committee which is meeting on Friday afternoon, May 16th.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Bott.

Department of Psychology,
University of Toronto.

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

Toronto. May 14th, 191 9

Professor J. J. MacKenzie,
Chairman, Committee on Research in Physiotherapy,
University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the disposition of the Cash Reserve Fund now at the disposal of this Committee, may I submit the following for consideration please.

Research in Physiotherapy was commenced at Hart House in July 1917 by an initial grant of $400. for that purpose from Colonel Massey, which was increased by successive donations, chiefly from friends of Mr. Blatz in Hamilton, to a total of over $1500. Early in 1918, when over $1000. had been expended and further funds were not in sight, President Falconer agreed to assist the work by trying to arrange a special University Grant. This was not immediately possible, and in the meantime, to guarantee continuance of the research, the President made a special arrangement in April whereby the Bursar's office took over our earlier vouchers for cash to the amount of $999.36 (authorized May 13, 1918). To this was later added some $50.00 from private donations. As the official University Grant of $1500. came in June, and has paid our expenses to date, the President's emergency fund now totalling $1151.26 is still to our credit.

When the mechanical experimental workshop in Hart House was closed, February 1919, the equipment which belonged to the Board of Trustees of the Hart House Fund was presented to the University for the Psychological Department. It is the intention of the Department to develop through it certain forms of Applied Psychology, such as some of the therapeutical lines commenced at Hart House, and problems of Industrial Hygiene. The services of a skilled mechanic costing $1500. per year are immediately required, but it is extremely difficult for the President to secure that amount at the present time.

As the research of our Committee has been covered to date by the University Grant of $1500., and is now provided for by P. C. 872, may I suggest that the money procured by the President last year to guarantee our work be now put at his disposal again toward securing a mechanic for the University Research work indicated above.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Bott

Secretary, Committee on Research in Physiotherapy

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Toronto. May 17th, 1919

President Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear President Falconer:-

I have much pleasure in reporting that at its final meeting yesterday, Professor MacKenzie's Committee on Research in Physiotherapy endorsed the proposal as outlined in the letter I discussed with you on the 14th inst., regarding the disposition of the Committee's Cash Reserve Fund.

The total amount of the Fund is at present $1164.72 from which the Committee voted an honorarium of two hundred dollars to Dr. Hartman for his very excellent and conscientious work on the research problems of the Research Committee during the past eighteen months. It was unanimously decided that the remaining amount, namely $964.72 should be put at your disposal for the purpose outlined in my letter to the Chairman. Under other cover I am writing you officially from the Committee to this effect enclosing this amount.

As you kindly consented to procure the balance of one year's salary, namely $1,500.00 in all, for Mr. George C. Cooper to be appointed as mechanic in charge of the psychological workshop, may I enquire please if such arrangement would date from July 1st, 1919? If such is the case would you approve, please, my hiring him for our departmental work at an earlier date, provided I can arrange to pay for his services until June 30th, 1919 from the Board of Trustees of the Hart House Fund?

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Bott

Secretary, Committee of Research in Physiotherapy,
Hart House, Toronto.

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May 21st, 1919

Captain E. A. Bott,

Hart House,

Toronto.

Dear Captain Bott:

There will be no meeting of the Board to-morrow. It has been postponed for another week. I have, however, spoken to the Chairman of the Board and have told him that I intend to recommend Mr. Cooper for the position of mechanic in charge of the Psychological workshop at a salary of $1400, the arrangement to date from the 1st of July, 1919. There is no reason why you should not arrange for payment for his services until June 30th on any other fund at your disposal, as there is no doubt that he will be continued.

I have also received your cheque which I will hand on to the Board for the purposes mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

PSYCHOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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Toronto. May 28th, 1919

President Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 21st inst., and note that you are passing on our cheque to the Board of Governors, to be used on Mr. Cooper's salary for next year. I wish to thank you for recommending his appointment to the Chairman of the Board, and for consenting that he be employed on other funds before June 30th.

The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment has consented to release Mr. Cooper immediately for University work, and Dean Clarke wishes him to begin at once.

Mr. Cooper understands that his engagement with the University is to date from July 1st at $125.00 per month. He will work on the basis of a 44 hour week with two weeks vacation per annum and will not be affected by strike conditions.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Bott.

Department of Psychology,
University of Toronto.

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No.

Toronto. June 9th, 1919

President Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

For your information may I say, please, that at a Conference on June 7th between General Fotheringham and the Research Committee under P. C. 872, Colonel Wilson asked officially the date of termination of my military service. The General stated that my services would be required at least until the expiration of the Research Grant at the end of the Fiscal Year March 31st, 1920. He also stated that I might give my whole time to University work next Session excepting for my secretarial duties, and possibly the re-organization of Muscle Function teaching should the work of the present Military School be turned over to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment towards the end of 1919.

Yours faithfully,

E.A. Bott.

Hon. Captain, C. A. M. C.,
Sec-Treasurer, Research Committee under P. C. 872,
Military School, Hart House.

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June 10th, 1919

Captain C. H. Yates,

Fort Keogh.

Dear Captain Yates:

I have just received your letter. I assume that it means that we cannot open about a rank one which has been placed in the estimates, and we go half-way with the University for the forthcoming academic year and that Mr. Frost is taken on as a substitute lecturer for that period.

Yours sincerely,

President.